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- Whereas trails and footpaths have been an integral part of America's history, providing opportunities for recreation, exercise, and transportation;
- Whereas trails provide an alternative transportation system at both local and metropolitan levels;
- Whereas trails offer outdoor activity for the millions of Americans who walk, bicycle, ride, backpack, ski, and hunt;
- Whereas, by the year 2000, more than 80 percent of the Nation's population will reside in urban areas, and recreational opportunities which are close to home will be a priority;
- Whereas trails enrich our Nation's communities by showcasing areas of scenic beauty, historic significance, and ecological diversity;
- Whereas an organized trails system contributes to the economic vitality of a community through increased property values and regional tourism;
- Whereas trails provide educational opportunities for people of all ages to observe nature and to increase awareness about and appreciation of our natural environment; and

Whereas a "National Trails Day" will strengthen support for our national trails system on local, State, and national levels: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
- 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That June 5, 1993, is designated as "National Trails
- 4 Day". The President is authorized and requested to issue
- 5 a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
- 6 States to observe this day with appropriate programs and
- 7 activities.

Passed the Senate June 16 (legislative day, June 15), 1993.

Attest:

Secretary.